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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 7 April 1966

R. Jack Smith noted the crash of a Soviet YAK 28 in a lake in the British sector of Berlin, [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] He reported that State 25X1
had invited, [redacted] former ICC Chairman Seaborn who will come down from Canada 13 through 16 April. He tabled an ORR report on the implications of the recent announcement of additional ChiCom wheat purchases in Canada.

Godfrey noted the announcement by the Portuguese Government that it would not impede oil shipments to Rhodesia. He noted late press reports that rioting in Saigon continues.

Kent reported that the BNE reps will meet this morning on the Estimate which will assess the upcoming visit of the First Lady to Mexico. DDCI stated that Secretary Rusk wants this paper as soon as possible, and Kent responded that it would be completed today. Kent also reported that a formal NIE on Soviet space activities would be delayed until the completion of further tests of boosters by the Soviets, but he noted that a memo will be prepared on this subject.

25X1 [redacted] raised the question of the DCI signing off on the Watch Report. It was agreed that the DDCI would undertake this.

Bannerman reported that a contractor will be examining the air conditioning system in Headquarters later this month, and it is hoped that this problem can be solved.

deSilva made a brief report on his trip to the Far East. He noted varying interpretations of the degree of the Communist manipulation of the current unrest in Northern South Vietnam. In response to a question from the DDCI, he noted the unpredictability of the Vietnamese character. Finally, he said he expected that his report on Thailand would go before the SIG next week.

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Houston reported that Congressman Mahon had received [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted] memorandum on South Vietnam with appreciation. He reported that he had been unable to see Senator Russell with the proposed statement on the third ChiCom nuclear explosion. He requested guidance on further steps, and it was agreed that he would make a further attempt to see Senator Russell, and that the paper would be forwarded to U. Alexis Johnson. DDCI agreed to speak with Johnson on this matter.

Wheelon noted a successful TACKLE flight last night [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted]

[redacted] 25X1

Executive Director reported that he had received a call from General Betts' office which indicated that the proposed trip of the DCI and several Agency officers to Aberdeen would take place in the near future. He also noted receipt of a letter from the Chief of the Secret Service commending several Agency officers [redacted] 25X1

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L. K. White

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